REMARKS

The specification has been amended at page 1 to identify that this application is a Continuation Application of International Application PCT/JP02/05694.

The specification was also amended at page 5, lines 8 and 10 to correct typographical errors.

Claims 3 and 6 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies thereof, and new claims 7 and 8 have been added. Minor amendments have been made to claims 3 and 6 which do not affect patentability.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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